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Title of the Invention: CELL SWITCHING DEVICE AND CELL SWITCHING METHOD

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Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office action mailed February 27, 2004, a one-month extension of time from May 27, 2004 to June 27, 2004 being requested, please amend the subject patent application as follows.